accomplishes the same purpose. SB 400 is a broader bill and provides that the District Court and circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction in all felony and misdemeanor cases involving counterfeiting, forgery, and credit card offenses. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 118.

Sincerely, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 118

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure - Counterfeiting, Forgery, and Credit Card Offenses of Orders for Money or Goods - Concurrent Jurisdiction of Trial Courts

FOR the purpose of providing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is concurrent with a circuit court in criminal cases involving counterfeiting, forgery, and certain credit card crimes of orders for money or goods under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court and circuit courts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-302(a) and (d)(1)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-301.

- (b) Except as provided in § 4-302 of this subtitle, the District Court also has exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a person at least 18 years old or a corporation is charged with:
- (8) Violation of §§ 8-601 through 8-604 AND 8-609 of the Criminal Law Article, WHETHER A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR;